

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>§ Art Group: 2612</b>
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<b>For: DISTRIBUTED DOWNHOLE DRILLING NETWORK</b>	<b>§</b>
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**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

August 17, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed April 19, 2006 for which the shortened-statutory period for response *plus a one month extension for time* is set to expire August 19, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.